

# Baseball Magnates Do Some Shopping Which Is Not Exactly for Christmas

## FEDERAL STARS ARE SOUGHT BY TEAMS OF TWO LEAGUES

Griffith Wants No Player On His Club Who Has Ever Forsaken Organized Baseball For Outlaws.

Two New York Outfits Are First to Bid For Men Who Have Played Good Brand of Ball in Third League.

By KIRK C. MILLER.

Now that the dove of peace has ceased to flutter and has bided herself a nest in the fork of the baseball tree formed by the American and National leagues, some aftermath can be expected of her eventful career during the past twenty-four months. It will not be a serious after-effect, however, and will concern more than all else the matter of distributing the leftover players.

In this regard a bit of advice is being circulated among the magnates today which has to do with doing their spring shopping early, for there is plenty of perfectly capable material at liberty now, and the field will be well picked-over before the next season opens.

As far as our Washington club is concerned, Kirk Griffith has put himself on record as unwilling to have any Federal League players on his club who have at any time turned their back on organized baseball. Griffith is not against trying out any new material which may have been uncovered in the outlaw ranks, but he prefers to preserve the clean blood with which he has kept his team stocked; clean as far as any man who has ever forsaken organized baseball for the newcomers are concerned.

New York at this early time of baseball peace, seems to be most anxious to secure the services of Benny Kauff, one of the most spectacular figures in the Federal-organized baseball strife. Because of his popularity in New York, either the Yankees or Giants would be glad to have him for a drawing card alone. If his days as a player were over, but the hitting phenom is still young in his playing career, and unless all signs fail, he will be with the Hempsstead's New York Giants next year.

One of the most important skirmishes of the baseball war centered about this Kauff, who was claimed by the Giants and Brooklands at the same time last year. When it came to a test, the Brooklands won, and Benny led the league with the stick. Now that he is a free agent, he is quoted as saying that he will play where he can get the most attractive salary, and when it comes to bidding for services, the Giants are no "slouches." We can't conceive New York letting this rare morsel get away.

Kauff has the best chance in baseball of probably any player who has been identified with the Federal League. He has a level head and wants to make money in baseball while the opportunity is present. He is a boyish, good-natured, go-getter; sometimes he talks too much for his own good, or else the baseball writers are overfond of quoting him. He would gladly take him back into their hearts and forget the past. If he handles himself well he has an opportunity to be another "Club of Spades" for he is an able player, with his best years ahead of him.

New York-like, the two teams in that city are first to be found bidding for the services of the stars of the third organization.

That the Yankees will get several of the established stars now under contract to the Federal League and made eligible to return to organized baseball through the peace treaty is not improbable. Just who are the men sought by the Yankees is not known, but from statements by Captain Huston several days ago, it seems that Leo Magee, the Brookfield second baseman; Arthur Wilson, the Chicago catcher, and Flack, the Chicago outfielder, are the men sought by the Yankees. That Magee is almost certain to be with the Yankees next season was stated by an official of the local club. Flack, of Newark, and Tobin, of St. Louis, also are eligible that "Bill Donovan asked Captain Huston to obtain if possible."

With the prospects of J. Franklin Baker going to the Yankees and "Fritz" Mabel being converted into an outfielder, and with Magee in the infield, the Yankees should provide some real resistance to the rest of the league next season. All of these Federal players are stars of the first magnitude and bring just the strength needed.

**Finnish Champion Runner Is Married**

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Hannes Kolehmainen, champion distance runner, and Alma Johnson were married last night at the Finnish Evangelical Lutheran Church in Forty-fourth street, Brooklyn. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Nello Koskottler, pastor of the church. Miss Martha Johnson, sister of the bride, was bridesmaid, and George Korostov was best man. Kolehmainen is twenty-six years old and his bride twenty. They will live at 411 Fifth street, Brooklyn.

**Langer to Lead.**

Hugo Langer will lead the Vigilants next season on the gridiron, following an election held last night. The Vigilants are preparing for their game with the all-stars on Christmas Day.

**Zerega to Wrestle.**

Louis Zerega will wrestle Shad Link, the Baltimore grapple, at the Bijou tonight. Pat O'Connor will be the third man in the ring.

## Potent Terms of Baseball Peace

1. The Federal League goes out of existence.
2. All players under contract to the Federal League will be eligible to play in organized baseball.
3. The Federal League magnates who raided clubs in organized baseball will return title to such clubs of all players under contract with them.
4. The rest of the Federal League players will become the property of the Federal League and any club in organized baseball is at liberty to purchase them.
5. Chicago Cubs bought by Charles Weeghman.
6. Phil Ball gains control of the St. Louis American League Club.

## BASEBALL OUT OF TRENCHES AT LAST

Amicable Terms Reached After Two Years of Trouble in the National Pastime.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Dec. 23.—The baseball boys are out of the trenches. Not only that, but the erstwhile warring magnates have shaken hands all around and gone home. The baseball war is over.

Though the meeting smoothed out the major troubles, there remains an International League hotel to be housed. Jack Dunn, exiled from Baltimore with his International League troupe by the Feds' invasion, stood up in class and roared for his place in Maryland. Terms will be considered again at the national commission's meeting here January 3.

Magnates, scouts, and job-hunting players and managers today engaged in the widest scramble in the history of the game. Gumbel agents button-holed desirable players and offered them terms, while other scouts scurried around for the cream of the Federal League's playing timber. The redistribution of players was expected to bump a horde of ball players off the payroll, and even a number of managers were scanning the "help wanted" columns for employment.

Roger Greenleaf leaned toward Toledo, the American Association. According to gossip, Branch Rieker, a next job was a choice of several openings, but with the amalgamation of the St. Louis Feds and Browns under the ownership of Phil Ball, who will buy the Browns, Fielder Jones was certain to get the helm.

Two major league clubs, the Cubs of Chicago, and the St. Louis Browns, will change hands, according to the concluding announcement of the peace meeting here. Charles Weeghman, the Chicago sandwich king, will buy the Cubs from Charles P. Taft and retain Joe Tinker as manager.

Flopping players, who leaped from the majors to the Feds, were granted amnesty in blanket form by the agreement. The Feds as a league assume responsibility for all contracts made by clubs in the outlaw circuit. Only a brief paragraph in the official communiqué dealt with the Ward controversy in Brooklyn. The Wards spent \$400,000 boosting the "Silver League." The statement said the Brooklynites would be reimbursed. It was learned, however, that the National and American leagues as constituted after the declaration of peace, will take on the burden of paying the Wards the four hundred thousand. Payments will be at the rate of \$25,000 a year. The Feds and organized baseball, being little playmates together, are going to quit slinging mud and do their best to repair the damage they did while the fight was on. The announcement said, stating all suits filed during the war will be withdrawn.

## Gaffney Responsible For Accomplishing Peace

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—James E. Gaffney, owner of the Boston Braves and the individual responsible for the boys being out of the trenches by Christmas, received the following telegram last night from Harry N. Hempsstead, president of the Giants, who attended the meeting in Cincinnati:

"James E. Gaffney, Cincinnati, O. I. 'Congratulations on the final outcome. Negotiations settled satisfactorily. You are to be congratulated.'"

"R. N. HEMPSSTEAD."

Gaffney, along with William E. Baker, of the Phillies, has been negotiating with the Feds for peace for more than a year.

## Princeton Five Wins From Crescent Team

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Princeton defeated the Crescent Athletic Club basketball team in the Second Signal Corps armory in Brooklyn last night by a score of 25 to 23. Victory did not come to the Tigers until the last two minutes of play, when they caged a goal from the foul line and one from the field.

Trailing by a score of 12 to 8 at the end of the first half, the Princeton men began an attack that fairly swept their opponents off their feet.

## Germans Even Knew Of Foe's New Uniforms

LONDON, Nov. 20 (by mail).—An instance of the thoroughness of the German spy system at the front is shown in the following story from the Belgian trenches. A regiment of Belgian chasseurs was ordered to leave the trenches one night at dark to receive new khaki uniforms. An hour after the order was issued a sign was hoisted from a German trench across the way: "Good-by, brave chasseurs. Run along and get your new uniforms at 20 francs apiece."

**Keller a Winner.**

Keller took a 15 to 12 game from Livingston in the Sunday School League, while Eastern forfeited to the Christ Lutheran team after one-half had been played with the score standing 19 to 5 against it.

## SINCLAIR TO PAY BIG PRICE FOR THE GIANTS

Oil Man Has Conference With Hempstead, and Deal Is Practically Completed.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 23.—It was learned from an authentic source here today that the New York Giants will be sold to Harry S. Sinclair, the millionaire oil man for the highest price ever paid for a big league club before the year is out.

Harry N. Hempsstead, the principal stockholder of the New York club, was seen in conference with Mr. Sinclair before the peace delegates went into session, and it was said here tonight that the purchase price had practically been agreed upon. If the deal goes through, Manager McGraw will be retained as the Giants' leader next season.

For some time now, Sinclair has been quietly negotiating for the purchase of the New York Nationals. About a month ago he met Mr. Hempsstead in New York and made a proposition to the president of the Giants to take the team off his shoulders for the small sum of \$1,000,000. Mr. Hempsstead at that time declined to accept the offer, stating to Mr. Sinclair that before any business of this nature could be transacted the other stockholders in the club would have to be consulted.

President Hempsstead laid the matter before the other stockholders of the club and, so it was said here yesterday, all were willing to sell out to the oil man. But the price was raised from \$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000.

## Peck Wins Two.

Peck Chapel has two wins to its credit today, having defeated the Garfield A. C. by 21 to 14 and the West-overs by 23 to 11.

## Another Shortstop In Tinker's Home

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—Two pleasing announcements have been made to Joe Tinker, who will likely be the new manager of the Chicago Cubs. He was told of the birth of an eleven-month boy and that he will be able to leave the hospital in a few days, following an operation which was performed recently. His physicians pronounced him out of danger, and, with this news, his Christmas is, indeed, to be a happy one.

## NEW ARMY GUN SIGHT IS STOLEN FOR SECRET

Mysteriously Vanishes From Field Piece In Armory In the Bronx.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—A reversible telescopic indirect firing sight, the property of the United States army, the

design of which has been zealously guarded by the Government, was stolen some time between Saturday night and Wednesday morning from a three-inch field gun in the Second Field Artillery Armory at 16th street and Franklin avenue, the Bronx. Acting Captain Tunney and his squad, which has been at work many months on plots against munition ships, are at work on the case.

"Though worth about \$125, the sight certainly was not stolen for its in-

trinsic value," said Major Joseph L. Berry, of the regiment. "No pawnbroker would take it, and it can only be inferred that some artillery manufacturer, anxious to learn the secret construction of the sight, or some agent similarly interested, has taken it."

Since the war started the Government, Major Berry explained, has been particularly chary of allowing the

## City to Take Fountain

HARRISBURG, Pa., Dec. 23.—City council is expected to accept "The Dance of Eternal Youth," the granite and-bronze fountain sculptured by Giuseppe Donato, of Philadelphia, which was offered to the city last week by M. E. Hershey, chocolate king. Hershey ordered the fountain for his mansion at Hershey, refused to accept the one he presented, saying it was not art, and was last week ordered by a jury to pay the sculptor his \$25,000 for it. He gave it, but at once offered the statue to Harrisburg "to get rid of it."

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**25c Handkerchiefs . . 2 for 25c**

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**50c and 75c Silk Hose . . . 36c**  
3 for \$1.00

**25c and 75c Lisle Hose . . 19c**

**50c Suspenders, 28c**

**\$1.50 Gloves . . . . . 95c**

**\$2 and \$2.50 Gloves . . . \$1.35**

**\$2 Lined Gloves . . . . . \$1.15**

**\$2.00 Umbrellas . . . . . \$1.00**

**\$3.50 Umbrellas . . . . . \$1.75**

**\$2.50 Madras Shirts . . . \$1.15**

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